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An interview summary is attached.

Further to applicant's request to review Tobey for disclosure of recirculation of flushing fluid, the examiner agrees to withdraw the §102 rejection of claim 42 over Tobey for want of Tobey to describe the same.

The following art is cited of interest:

USP 3990967 to Hargraves for disclosure of a recirculated flushing fluid in a stand-alone toilet (Fig. 6), disclosure of a flushing fluid type toilet installed on a pleasure boat (Fig 7), and for disclosure of a total tank volume of about 50 gallons (col 5 line 46).

USP 5709872 to Van Rees is cited for the recognition that "closed toilet systems . . . on airplanes, busses, and campers, the flushing fluid is recirculated" (col 1 line 9).

USP 4793386 to Sloan is cited for recirculation of the contents of an in-ground septic tank , albeit temporarily (Fig. 1, 13, 14 and col 11 lines 55-65; col 12 lines 35-60) and for recirculation of the mobile, truck-mounted tank (Fig 17 and col 14 lines 25-40).

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